



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
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## Councilman Rod Tam's Council City Council Trip To Vietnam

### Purpose of Council trip:

Embrace future relationship and action plans for sister city relationship between the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii and Hue, Vietnam.

As the immediate past chairman of the Planning & Economic Development Committee, I requested each councilmember of the City & County of Honolulu to coordinate the future relationship and direction of current sister-cities with the City & County of Honolulu. Enclosed is letter dated 4/19/07. Therefore I chose Hue, Vietnam and with the assistance of Mr. Edward Nakano, international businessman from Honolulu, Hawaii I decided to visit Vietnam. Mr. Nakano does business in Vietnam.

### Dates of Council trip:

May 10, 2007 to May 19, 2007

Enclosed is the travel itinerary.

The following experiences and observations were accomplished:

- The heritages and cultures of the Vietnamese.
- The lifestyles of the Vietnamese, foreigners, and tourists.
- Establishment of relationships with government officials, businessmen and businesswomen, and residents.
- There was clearly no formal city existing liaisons between the cities of Hue and Honolulu, thus, no formal future directional plans between the cities. Per Mr. Nguyen Van Cao, Chairman of Hue City People's Committee, Mrs. Thanh Lo of UHM East-West Center has been the Honolulu liaison with Hue. The city of Honolulu has no acknowledgement of

- Mrs. Lo. In the future, Mr. Nguyen will be the official contact for Hue with Honolulu through Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hue, Deputy Director for Hue City People's Committee Bureau of Foreign Affairs. I clearly stated that Mayor Hannemann's administration and the City Council of the City & County of Honolulu has no records of communication between Hue and Honolulu and the past city administration of Mayor Harris discarded all communications between the two cities. In fact, no records of sister-city relations exist. A formal joint letter from the city administration and city council must be written to renew the sister-city relationships and who the formal city liaisons are on behalf of the City & County of Honolulu.
- Sister-city relationship goals, objectives, and action plans need to be jointly developed by the cities of Hu and Honolulu.
- Mr. Nguyen invites Mayor Hanneman to Hue, Vietnam. Per my recommendation there must be a common understanding of goals, objectives, and action plans between the two sister-cities.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

April 19, 2007

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Rod Tam, Chair – Planning & Economic Development Committee

RE: Sister Cities Program

I have been informed by Council Chair Barbara Marshall that the Sister Cities Program previously under the perusal of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee has been reassigned to the Planning and Economic Development Committee. As the Chair of this committee I would like to give all councilmembers the opportunity to become more involved in the Sister Cities Program.

I have attached the latest listing of Sister Cities adopted by the City Council and would like to request that each councilmember identify any city they wish to take a special interest in and let me know what those cities are. It is my desire that councilmembers interested in a particular city can become the council's ambassadors to those cities and assist in fulfilling the purpose of the Sister Cities Program which is to foster a mutually beneficial relationship with these cities.

**VIETNAM TRIP**  
**May 10 - 19, 2007**  
**Hue, Vietnam**  
**RT**

City and County of Honolulu  
**STATEMENT OF COMPLETED TRAVEL**

- Statement due within 30 days of completing travel.
- Statement not turned in will result in total cash advance to be included as income on W-2.

I certify that I departed from Honolulu on official business on 5/10/07 at 7:20AM and returned to Honolulu on 5/19/07 at 8:00AM, as authorized (see attached Form M-6-69). The following is an accounting of expenditures and funds advanced to traveler (attach required receipts). Travel destination and purpose:

**(1) PAYMENTS MADE BY TRAVELER FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES:**

**(a) Lodging, Meals and Tips:**

From 5/10/07 to 5/19/07  
9.25 days @ \$ 130 per day = \$ 1,202.50  
 The conference, etc., started: Date 5/12/07 Time 10:00AM  
 The conference, etc., ended: Date 5/17/07 Time 8:00PM

**(b) Excess Lodging Costs:** \_\_\_\_\_ days @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day = \$ -0-  
 Actual lodging cost per day \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Less lodging allowance per day \_\_\_\_\_  
 Excess lodging per day \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) Limousine, Taxi, Bus:**

DATE	DESTINATION	AMOUNT
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
		<u>\$ -0-</u>

**(d) Other allowable expenses:**

DATE	NATURE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT
_____	Airfare to Hue City	\$ 112.38
_____	Long Distance phone	3.65
		<u>\$ 116.03</u>

TOTAL ALLOWABLE EXPENSES, (a) + (b) + (c) + (d) ..... \$1,318.53

**(2) CASH ADVANCED TO TRAVELER** ..... 0.00

**REIMBURSEMENT DUE TRAVELER** ..... \$1,318.53

**AMOUNT DUE CITY FROM TRAVELER - if cash advances exceed expenses** ..... \$

**SUMMARY OF TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES**

Total Allowable Expenses (as shown above)	<u>\$1,318.53</u>
Air Transportation Cost (not included above)	<u>995.00</u>
Registration Fee, etc. (not included above)	<u>-----</u>
<b>TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 2,313.53</u>

Prepared by: Rodney Tam  
 Signature of Traveler  
**Rodney Tam**

APPROVED: Certifying  
 Department Head